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SECTION I. Name

The name of this corporation shall be Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship.

SECTION II. Purpose

- A. SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS FELLOWSHIP is a non-profit organization formed to sponsor, explore and interpret the growing interest in psychic phenomena and mystical experience within the church, wherever these experiences relate to effective prayer, spiritual healing, and personal survival. Its goal is the development of spiritual growth in the individual and the encouragement of new dimensions of spiritual experience within the church.
- B. Mindful of the mystical and psychical experiences reported in the Bible, especially in the New Testament, and aware of the significant role such phenomena have played in Christian tradition; mindful, too, of the expanding universe in which we live and the constantly opening doors of perception with which we are confronted, SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS FELLOWSHIP is dedicated to exploration of these areas in relationship to the broad scope of modern man's spiritual adventure.
- C. SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS FELLOWSHIP is Christian in its origin and emphasis, interdenominational in its scope, and inter-faith in the pursuit of its ultimate goals. Its mission is rooted in the declaration of Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and "Greater things than these shall ye do."

SECTION III. Program

SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS FELLOWSHIP carries out its work in five general ways:

- A. By the establishment of a central headquarters and staff coordinated with an open membership and functioning within the above-stated Purpose.
- B. By conducting seminars and conferences, by arranging lectures, and by encouraging study groups.

- C. By supervising investigation and research conducted by individuals and committees approved by the Executive Council.
- D. By cooperation with other movements and agencies engaged in programs whose aims are similar to the basic aims of the Fellowship.
- E. By the publication of a periodical and the preparation of literature dealing with reports relating to the aims of the organization, and by maintaining a lending and research library and a book service.

SECTION IV. Members

A. Classes of Members

- 1. A Life Member shall be one who subscribes to the purposes of the Fellowship and who pays a prescribed sum within a period of two years.
- 2. Individual and Family Memberships shall be based upon subscription to the above-stated Purpose of the Fellowship and payment of the annual dues set by the Executive Council.
- 3. Life Members and Individual Members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Members, and by mail ballot.
- 4. The Executive Council may rescind the membership of any Member if it shall decide that the activities and representations of such Members are detrimental to the purposes of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship.

SECTION V. Dues

- A. The dues of the various classes of Members shall be set by the Executive Council.
- B. Default in payment of dues.
 - 1. If dues are not paid within two months following the due date by a Member in default, his privileges shall be suspended.
- C. The Executive Council, at its discretion, may modify the provisions of this Section.

SECTION VI. Membership

- A. An annual meeting of the Membership shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Executive

Council. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Council. The Executive Council or Executive Committee may authorize a mail ballot in lieu of a business meeting for general elections, special elections, or to obtain a membership vote on any issue.

B. The rules contained in Robert's RULES OF ORDER, Revised, 75th Anniversary Edition, shall govern the Fellowship in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of this Fellowship. Unless otherwise stated herein, membership votes shall be carried by a simple majority of those present and voting, or the majority of those voting by mail ballot.

C. Chapter Organizations

1. Chapter Chairmen shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Council or Executive Committee.
2. Chapters shall be designated from time to time by the Executive Council, or by the Regional Director subject to the concurrence of the Executive Council, in terms of a geographical definition. These designations shall be based upon names of cities or sections of States, but shall not be on a statewide basis; a Chapter may be authorized statewide operation on a temporary basis but its name shall reflect the restriction just stated.
3. With the exception of the Chapter Chairman, Chapters may elect such officers and initiate such activities as they deem advisable so long as these activities conform to the purposes of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship as indicated in these By-laws.
4. Chapter Chairmen shall be appointed under the authority of, and serve at the pleasure of, the Executive Council. Their revocable appointments shall run from year-to-year, and are renewable at the Executive Council meeting which coincides with the annual meeting of the membership, but may be terminated at any time for the good of the Fellowship.
5. Funds received by a Chapter, Region or Committee will not accrue to the personal benefit of an individual officer or member, and in the event of dissolution of the Chapter, Region or Committee all funds in their hands will be promptly transferred to Fellowship headquarters (consistent with sales tax requirements in most states).
6. If any Chapter, Region or Committee receives an aggregate of over \$5,000 per calendar year, it is required to

promptly furnish data appropriate for IRS form 990 to Fellowship headquarters.

7. Each Chapter is required, after appropriate selections, proposals and approvals, to adopt and be governed by a set of By-laws based upon standardized drafts and regulations to be issued by the Executive Council.

SECTION VII. Government

A. Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall consist of the officers of the Fellowship, serving ex officio, and twenty-four members who have been duly elected as such by the membership.
2. In addition thereto, all past, present and future Presidents of the Fellowship shall serve for life as members of the Executive Council; this tenure of past Presidents will begin with passage of this provision, and this tenure of the present and future Presidents each shall begin upon termination of his term as President.

B Executive Council - Election

1. The members of the Executive Council shall be elected at the annual meeting. Terms shall be three years and elections shall be held annually for that group of the Executive Council members whose places are to be filled that year. No Executive Council member shall be elected for another term without a year's interval.
2. The Executive Council may vote to declare vacant the seat of a Council member who has not attended meetings of the Executive Council during any twelve-month period. Vacancies thus created, or created by death or resignation, may be filled by vote of the Executive Council, such interim member to serve until the next annual Conference of the Fellowship.

C. Executive Council - Duties

1. The immediate direction of the affairs of the Fellowship shall be vested in the Executive Council.
2. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Council.

3. The Executive Council shall formulate and adopt the policies of the Fellowship, review and approve budget and financial statements.
4. The Executive Council may cancel without publicity the indebtedness of a member.
5. Ten members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.
6. The Executive Council shall select an Executive Director, fix his compensation and determine the policies according to which he shall conduct the affairs of the Fellowship.
7. The Executive Council may designate Regions and appoint the Chairmen of Regional Committees. These Regional Committees shall represent the Fellowship in their respective territories by promoting its objectives and aiding in obtaining members.
8. Appointments are to be made by the Executive Council to fill vacancies occurring in any office, including membership to the Council itself, as provided in Subsection B-2, above.
9. Meetings: The Executive Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a year. Special meetings may be called by the President, and the President shall call a special meeting upon written request of 50% of the members of the Executive Council. At least two-weeks' notice shall be given of special meetings.
10. All Committees except the Nominating Committee, which reports directly to the Annual Meeting, shall be responsible to and function under the supervision of the Executive Council. Such committees shall keep minutes of their meetings; copies of such meetings shall be sent to the members of the Executive Council within 15 days of their meetings.

SECTION VIII. Officers

- A. The Officers of the Fellowship shall be:
 1. President, President Elect, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer.
 2. In addition to the officers referred to in Paragraph 1, above, the Executive Council may from time-to-time elect

to the office of Honorary Vice-president such person or persons as it may deem desirable, and shall from time-to-time fix the number of such Vice-presidents. The term of such Honorary Vice-president shall be at the pleasure of the Executive Council.

B. Election

1. The officers shall be elected for a term of two years by the members at the Annual Meeting or by mail ballot, and shall hold office through the business session of the second succeeding Annual Meeting. The President, President Elect, and Vice-president shall not hold office more than three successive terms. Nevertheless, whenever, the Presidency is vacant for any reason, the President Elect shall automatically become President, serving an unexpired term or a regular term as the case may be, and may thereafter be elected for no more than two additional terms (a maximum aggregate of three terms).
2. When this By-law becomes effective, the officer serving as First Vice-president shall thereupon and thereafter be known as Interim President-Elect for the balance of the term then in progress. At the end of such term and in future elections, the incumbent Interim President-Elect or the President-Elect, as the case may be, as well as all nominees for the office of President-Elect, must advise the Nomination Committee in writing that they will be willing to automatically assume the Presidency, if it is vacated for any reason while they are President-Elect or at the end of their term as President-Elect.
3. The outgoing President shall be known for the succeeding two years as President-Emeritus, and as such shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
4. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Council and of the Executive Committee.
5. The officers shall exercise the duties usually assumed by officers with their respective titles. The President and Executive Committee shall groom the President-Elect for the Presidency, such as by special assignment of responsibilities and duties.

SECTION IX. Committees

Each Standing Committee, Special Committee, and Task Force (except the Executive Committee) shall be composed of three or more persons, who shall be members of the Fellowship; the Chairman of each shall be counted as one of the minimum three members, and he shall have full right to make motions, etc. and vote. Additionally, the President and Executive Director of the Fellowship shall be ex-officio members of each committee and task force, except the Nominating Committee, and when attending their meetings may partici-

pate, but will have no vote in the proceedings; however, neither may serve as chairman of any committee. Committee chairmen may add as Associate Members to their committees persons who are either non-members or members of the Fellowship, but such Associate Members of the committee shall have no vote in the proceedings. All committees named in this Section shall be known as "standing committees." All full members and chairmen of all committees and task forces shall be elected annually by the Executive Council; apart from the matter of filling vacancies and adding additional members, terms shall run from May to May. The Executive Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole, shall nominate and elect the "elected members" of the Executive Committee and the members and chairman of the Nominating Committee. As to all other committees and task forces, members, including designation of chairmen, shall be selected through nomination by the President and election by the Executive Council.

A. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and two members of the Executive Council elected by the Executive Council annually.
2. The Executive Committee shall administer such affairs of the Fellowship as are delegated to it by the Executive Council from time to time. It shall keep minutes of its meetings and such minutes shall be sent to all members of the Executive Council.
3. The Executive Committee is authorized to take interim actions on behalf of the Executive Council when in the judgment of the Executive Committee such action is necessary to facilitate an orderly flow of business or because of an emergency situation.

B. By-laws Committee

1. There shall be a Committee on By-laws. This committee shall make its recommendations in accordance with Section X of these By-laws.

C. Nominating Committee

1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Council. The Nominating Committee shall annually provide nominations for Executive Council members, officers of the Fellowship, Regional Directors, Chapter Chairmen, and for such other positions as may be required by the By-laws or requested by the Executive Council. The screening of prospective nominees for Regional Directors and Chapter Chairmen shall be conducted by the Leadership Training and Group Organization Committee under the general cognizance of the Nominating Committee, which latter committee shall present all names to the Executive Council.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of VII-C-10, above, the Nominating Committee shall solicit suggestions of nominations from the Executive Council and its members, and shall closely coordinate its deliberations with the President of the Fellowship, it shall submit an advisory report to the Executive Council prior to each Annual Meeting of the membership. The Nominating Committee is encouraged to solicit suggestions of nominations from the general membership by notice (such as in the Newsletter) or by mail, and in such circumstances shall explain the impracticability of nominations from the floor.

D. Publications Committee

E. Public Relations Committee

F. Research Committee

1. It shall be the duty of the Research Committee to foster research in accordance with the purposes of the Fellowship. With the approval of the Executive Council, it may solicit funds in the name of the Fellowship for such research. It may conduct and promote research by:

- a. Undertaking specific projects in which members as well as non-members are urged to participate;
- b. Encouraging colleges, churches, and other outside organizations to develop and study specific projects;
- c. Cooperating with other organizations in organized study;
- d. Encouraging and developing "sensitives" and aiding members to consult and study "sensitives."

G. Study Groups Committee

1. It shall be the duty of the Study Group Committee to make suggestions for study procedures to groups wanting such help, to offer their own and such other services as may be available in consultation to study groups, and to report to the Executive Council the activities of the study groups.

H. Seminars and Retreats Committee

1. It shall institute and conduct seminars and conferences to promote the Purposes of the Fellowship at such places and times as it may determine.

I. Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee shall solicit donations for the Fellowship's activities, seek grants for specific projects, and shall have charge of endowment funds.

- J. Budget Committee
- K. Colleges and Seminaries Committee
- L. Church Relations Committee
- M. Library Committee
- N. Leadership Training and Group Organization Committee
- O. Property Committee
- P. Personnel Committee
- Q. Annual Conference Committee
- R. Study Resources Committee
- S. Membership Committee

SECTION X. Amendments

- A. Amendments to these By-laws shall be submitted by the By-laws Committee to the Executive Director, who shall immediately submit such proposed amendments to the members at least thirty days before the annual meeting or mail ballot. Amendments may be adopted and voting at the Annual Meeting or by the majority of those voting by mail ballot.

SECTION XI. Dissolution

- A. The Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote of the majority of members present and voting at two consecutive Annual Meetings. Notice of proposed action shall be upon the recommendation of the Executive Council and shall be sent to the membership at least thirty days before the annual meeting at which such vote shall be taken.
- B. Any funds or assets in the hands of the Fellowship at the time of dissolution shall be donated to an organization or organizations which, in the judgment of the Executive Council, most nearly conforms to the Purpose of the Fellowship.

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